

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

VERNE A. HALL, ET AL.,

Civil No. 04-4812 MJD/AJB

Plaintiffs,

v.

NOTICE OF FINAL  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

BEST BUY CO., INC. and BEST  
BUY ENTERPRISE SERVICES, INC.,

Defendants.

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The above-referenced case is assigned to Judge Michael J. Davis for trial. A settlement conference will be held on July 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., in Suite 720, 180 East Fifth Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, before the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge.

Counsel who will actually try the case and each party, armed with full settlement discretion, shall be present. If individuals are parties to this case, they shall be present. If a corporation or other collective entity is a party, a duly authorized officer or managing agent of that party shall be present. This means that each party must attend through a person who has the power to change that party's settlement posture during the course of the conference. If the party representative has a limit, or "cap" on his or her authority, this requirement is not satisfied. If an insurance company is involved, the responsible agent must be present.

In order to encourage the parties to address the issue of settlement on their own, counsel must meet in person with one another at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the settlement conference, to engage in a full and frank discussion of settlement. If the case does not settle, each attorney shall submit to the undersigned at least one week before the date of the settlement conference a confidential letter setting forth the parties' respective settlement positions before the meeting, their respective positions following the meeting and a reasoned,

itemized analysis justifying their client's last stated settlement position. **This letter shall be submitted to the undersigned by e-mail to the following address:**  
**boylan\_chambers@mnd.uscourts.gov.**

Failure of any lawyer to submit this letter will result in the settlement conference being rescheduled and the imposition of an appropriate sanction on the attorney whose failure caused the conference to be postponed. Additional sanctions may be imposed for failure to comply with any of the other foregoing instructions.

Dated: June 12, 2006

s/ Arthur J. Boylan  
ARTHUR J. BOYLAN  
United States Magistrate Judge